Global warming

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that global warming has hit the danger mark;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to reduce pollution to prevent extinction of human race?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which brings out assessment of climate change based on peer reviewed scientific work world wide, has released its three reports, the last of which has been released in May, 2007 does not mention of any danger mark of global warming.

(c) The Government of India is a Party to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCCC) and has set up the National Clean Development Mechanism Authority to accord Host Country Approvals (HCA) to eligible Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), projects. India also has the largest number of projects under the CDM of the Kyoto Protocol, which reduce net emissions of greenhouse gases.

Further, even though India as a developing country does not have any mitigation commitments, nevertheless, a sustainable development path is being followed through a range of policies and programmes to mitigate climate change:

(i) ensuring energy conservation and improved energy efficiency in various sectors as well as setting up of Bureau of Energy Efficiency

(ii) promoting use of renewable energy

(iii) power sector reforms and active renewable energy programme

(iv) use of cleaner and lesser carbon intensive fuel for transport

(v) fuel switching to cleaner energy

(vi) afforestation and conservation of forests

(vii) promotion of clean coal technologies

(viii) reduction of gas flaring

(ix) encouraging Mass Rapid Transport Systems

(x) environmental quality management for all sectors.